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I have to say that I'm severely disappointed in the agreement reached by Microsoft and the Department of Justice. Essentially, your agreement reinforced the things that Microsoft already did for its competitors, things which are quite inadequate. The issue isn't whether or not everyone can build software that works with Windows, it's how nobody can build software that does NOT work with Windows. Microsoft's Windows operating system is on 90% or more of the desktop computers in the world ... is this because it's superior to other offerings? Hardly. Computer builders / manufacturers are threatened they'll lose their licensing perks if they offer competitors' products. People are not able to make software for other platforms and be profitable, simply because of the former reason ... all systems run Windows or Microsoft charges everyone much more. This is not right.

I know I am not the only one who sees this. It simply reinforces my belief that the government and government departments are fully controlled by the corporations of this nation. It's just amazing at the momentum lost in the DOJ vs MSFT case after Bush became President and Republicans dominated the government. Oh well, to reiterate ... apparently, money dominates all, even justice.

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